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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (original) A wire dispensing device comprising:

a flat, rigid base for supporting a coil of wire, the coil having an inner diameter, an outer diameter, and a height, the base defining an outer perimeter greater than the outer diameter of the coil and an inner region the outer perimeter defining an outer wall extending upwardly therefrom and having a height at least equal to the height of the coil; and

a plurality of support lines connected to and extending from the inner region of the base and converging to a rotatable hanging means.

2. (original) The wire dispensing device as set forth in claim 1 wherein the base is circular in shape.
3. (original) The wire dispensing device as set forth in claim 1 wherein the height of the outer wall is greater than the height of the coil.
4. (original) The wire dispensing device as set forth in claim 2 wherein the inner region of the base comprises a center compartment for stowage of the support lines and hanging means.

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5. (original) The wire dispensing device as set forth in claim 1 wherein the inner region of the base comprises an inner wall extending upwardly from the base.
6. (original) The wire dispensing device as set forth in claim 5 wherein the inner wall is circular and concentric with the outer wall, having a diameter less than the inner diameter of the coil.
7. (original) The wire dispensing device as set forth in claim 6 further comprising an upper ridge extending inwardly from the upper surface of the inner wall and parallel to the base.
8. (original) The wire dispensing device as set forth in claim 7 wherein the support lines are connected to and extend from the upper ridge.
9. (original) The wire dispensing device as set forth in claim 5 wherein the support lines are connected to and extend from the inner wall.
10. (original) The wire dispensing device as set forth in claim 1 wherein the support lines comprise metal chain.
11. (original) The wire dispensing device as set forth in claim 1 wherein the support lines comprise polymeric rope.
12. (original) The wire dispensing device as set forth in claim 1 wherein the support lines are symmetrically spaced.
13. (original) A disposable or recyclable package for distributing and dispensing a coil of wire, comprising:

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a flat, rigid base supporting a coil of wire, the coil having an inner diameter, an outer diameter, and a height, the base defining an outer perimeter greater than the outer diameter of the coil and an inner region;
a plurality of support lines connected to and extending from the inner region of the base and converging to a rotatable hanging means;
wherein the inner region of the base comprises a center compartment for stowage of the support lines and hanging means; and
an outer covering.

14. (original) The package set forth in claim 12 wherein the outer covering comprises an overwrapped plastic sheeting material.
15. (original) The package set forth in claim 12 wherein the outer covering comprises a box.
16. (original) The package set forth in claim 12 wherein the outer covering comprises a strap.
17. (original) The package set forth in claim 12 wherein the base is circular in shape.
18. (original) The package set forth in claim 12 wherein the inner region of the base comprises an inner wall extending upwardly from the base.
19. (original) The package set forth in claim 12 wherein the support lines comprise polymeric rope.
20. (original) The package set forth in claim 12 further comprising means for symmetrically spacing the support lines.